

RUSHVILLE CITY UTILITIES
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Minutes of the Utility Board Meeting, November 18, 2020
The Utility Board met at the City Center Council Chambers

In Phil Starkey's absence, Brian Bess called the meeting to order.

Board Members Present:

Brian Bess
Dale Gardner
Phillip King

Phillip Starkey and Butch Singleton were absent

Others present:

Michael Pavey	Mayor
Les Day	Superintendent
Gina Jenkins	Office Manager
Geoff Wesling	City Attorney
Kevin Shook	Utilities Employee
Travis Ervine	Utilities Employee

Dale Gardner motioned to approve the minutes from the October 21, 2020 meeting.
Phil King seconded the motion. The motion carried.

During the Superintendent's report, Les Day told everyone that the sewer main at the new Animal Shelter had several cracks and that the Utilities employees would be putting in a new main on Thursday, November 19th. Les also said that there is on-line safety training that the employees are taking through IPEP, but that the employees have not had CPR training for several years. Les will get in touch with the Rushville Fire Department to see if they have a certified CPR instructor to give the employees training.

Gina Jenkins told everyone that she sent out pre-lien sewer letters and that City Utilities has collected \$1,900.00 so far. The property owners have until the week of November 23rd to send their payments in. Gina is not sure when she can file the remaining balances that are not paid with the Court house because they are closed to the public.

Les told everyone that Tonya Stout had contacted City Utilities to get assistance with getting her sewer lines replaced. She had a collapsed line and was getting sewage backed up in her home. She has the sewer insurance through Home Serve USA but the contractor they hired would not be able to come for three weeks. She spoke to Les and he had Chad Bowles meet with her. She got approval from the insurance company to have Bowles Construction replace her sewer lines.

Next on the agenda was the Utilities employees' pay scales for 2021. Phil King had given everyone a summary spread sheet for everyone to review for the Utilities employees' 2021 pay scales. After a discussion, it was decided to have a special meeting on Tuesday, November 24, 2020 at 5 p.m. to finalize the salaries and wages for the upcoming year.

Next on the agenda was a discussion to cover the cascade at the Wastewater plant. Les told everyone that algae had been forming on the cascade and causing problems. Also, one of the drive shafts for the Primary Clarifier needs to be replaced. Les said that there is \$20,000.00 left in the SRF Construction account and it could be used to pay for part of these. The board members asked Les what the total cost would be. Les had not gotten quotes but said that he had spoke to Bruce Davis about fabricating a new drive shaft which would be cheaper than using an outside company. The board members told Les to get quotes. This matter was tabled until then.

Next, Les told everyone that the upgrade to the meter reading system is not reading all the meters. The first month that it was used, it did not pick up approximately 90 meters. The old-style meters were part of the issue. He had the representative from Utility Supply come in to check the system. Scott said that the equipment was working and that he did not have any other customers that were having this problem. The Utilities servicemen replaced 66 meters before the November reading and 60 meters still did not read. Les said that it will cost \$100.00 each for the new-style meters. Les said that there are approximately 1,000 old-style meters that still need to be replaced. The board members told Les to investigate other Utilities to see what meter systems they use before moving forward.

Les then told everyone that the GPS & GIS systems are synchronized together but the system has been in for two years and he still cannot get correct elevations. He will work with the company to get this issue resolved.

Phil King checked claims for the month. Phil motioned to approve the claims. Dale Gardner seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The motion to adjourn was unanimous. The motion carried.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be Wednesday, December 16, 2020 at 5 p.m. at the City Center.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.